The Rhode Island Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals

Development Disabilities System Reform Introductory Summit II

"Mini-Summit Program Planning Process"

Friday, November 30, 2007 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Rhode Island Shriners Center (*Imperial Room*)

Program Committees

- 1. Self Determination & Life Choices Broker
- 2. Housing Options & Housing Trust
- 3. Employment
- 4. Pay- for –Performance for Providers

Structure

- » Co-Chairs MHRH Staff and Community Stakeholder
- » Representative Membership
- » 12 members

Charge

Plan Sessions to provide information and generate ideas to facilitate people submitting ideas on Feb 15.

Time Line

- » December 2007: Committees meet to plan Sessions
- » January 2008: All Sessions Held
- » Post Session Proceeding on the Web
- » February 15, 2008 Ideas due.

1. Self Determination & Life Choices Broker

Request for Ideas

- What innovations and changes would you suggest to the current system to actively support and encourage self-determination, maximize natural supports and consumer/ family driven life decision making?
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- How can we best create capacity to ensure that citizens make informed choices?
- What should be the specific functions of the Life Choices Broker?
- How can we best assist citizens with developmental disabilities in getting the best match in terms of services and supports?
- What are alternative models that will achieve the same outcomes?
- How should the assessment and support coordination functions be provided?

2. Housing Options & Housing Trust

Request for Ideas

- How can the state increase the affordability, accessibility and availability of new housing models?
- How can the state inform citizens with developmental disabilities of their housing options (group homes, shared living arrangement, supported apartments, specialized medical facilities, etc.)?
- How can the state assure adequate capacity for each housing option?
- How can MHRH assure citizens with developmental disabilities live with their families as long as possible or in an independent setting?
- What can be done to more adequately support families?

Request for Ideas-Family Supports

- Are these the right supports?
- What other supports are needed?
- What can be done differently to encourage and support individuals who would like to continue to live with their family?

Request for Ideas-SLA

- How can Rhode Island assure that every individual currently understands the full range of supportive living options?
- How do individuals remain aware of their ability to choose more supportive living opportunities now or in the future?

Request for Ideas-independent living

- How can Rhode Island better support persons in independent living situations?
- What do citizens with developmental disabilities need in order to live as independently as possible?

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2. Housing Options & Housing Trust(cont)

Request for Ideas-independent living

- How can Rhode Island better support persons in independent living situations?
- What do citizens with developmental disabilities need in order to live as independently as possible?

- What are the key questions or concerns stakeholders have about the housing trust?
- Who should be eligible?
- Are providers interested in purchasing group homes? What would they need?
- Are consumers interested in purchasing group homes? What would they need?
- What is the best approach to shifting the state out of the landlord role?

3. Employment

- How can we create, cultivate and promote positive opportunities for employment in community settings?
- What are appropriate expectations of persons with developmental disabilities to work and/or otherwise contribute to the community?
- How do we identify jobs and support employers, as they employ citizens with developmental disabilities?

4. Pay- for –Performance for Providers

- What administrative reforms are necessary to assure the statewide system
 of services and supports is simply understood, easy to access, coordinated,
 running efficiently, keeping overhead down, keeping quality up, and is
 consumer satisfaction focused and friendly?
- How can the service and support system be more consumer- driven and accountable?
- How can support and financing models be designed to be progressive, affordable and sustainable?